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SUBJECT: PRG ISSUE AT LOS CONFERENCE

FOR USDEL LOS CONFERENCE

1. AS OF JUNE 20 OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT, IF QUESTION
OF SEATING PRG AT LOS CONFERENCE IS REOPENED OVER OUR
OBJECTIONS, PRG BID WOULD BE DEFEATED 44-49(US) WITH 54
ABSTENTIONS. ESTIMATE IS BASED ON RESULTS OF DEMARCHES
BY OUR EMBASSIES (IN RESPONSE TO STATE 121451) AND VOTING
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AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE OR, WHERE REPLIES LACKING, ON

COUNTRIES' GENERAL VOTING BEHAVIOR.

2. IN BREAKDOWN OF VOTE, WHICH FOLLOWS, WE HAVE TRIED TO ASSUME "WORST CASE" SITUATION. FOR EXAMPLE, EL SALVADOR, IRELAND, LIBERIA, PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA COULD CONCEIVABLY VOTE WITH US. ON OTHER HAND, WE ARE NOT SURE WHO IS ATTENDING CONFERENCE (E.G. NAURU, TONGA AND WESTERN SAMOA WHICH WE CARRY AS PROBABLY VOTING WITH US). ALSO CERTAIN PROBABLE ABSTAINERS COULD VOTE YES, SUCH AS DAHOMEY, GABON, GAMBIA AND NIGER.

3. CLEARLY ANY VOTE ON THIS ISSUE WOULD BE CLOSE. DELEGATION SHOULD THEREFORE CONTINUE TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT (PARTICULARLY WITH UNCOMMITTED AND NEUTRALS SUCH AS SWITZERLAND, AUSTRIA AND FINLAND) TO MARSHAL OPPOSITION TO

THE PRC AMENDMENT TO RULES OF PROCEDURE ON CREDENTIALS AND THUS PREVENT ISSUE FROM COMING TO A VOTE. DEPT WILL WELCOME DELEGATION'S OWN VOTE ESTIMATE AND ASSESSMENT OF TACTICAL SITUATION (E.G. WHETHER AND WHEN THE PRC AMENDMENT WILL COME UP AND OUR PROSPECTS FOR DEFEATING IT). WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME DELEGATION'S REPORTS ON SOFT SPOTS IN OUR SUPPORT, FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS IT HAS TAKEN, AND SUGGESTIONS FOR FURTHER APPROACHES DEPT MIGHT USEFULLY MAKE IN CAPITALS. VOTE ESTIMATE ON KHMER ISSUE BEING SENT SEPARATELY.

4. FOR PRG: 44

A. VOTED YES AT LOW CONFERENCE -36

ALBANIA, ALGERIA, BANGLADESH, BULGARIA, BURUNDI, BYELORUSSIA, CAMEROON, CHINA, CONGO, CUBA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, DEMOCRATIC YEMEN, EGYPT, GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC, GUINEA-BISSAU, HUNGARY, INDIA, IRAQ, NORTH KOREA, LIBYA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MAURITANIA, MONGOLIA, PERU, POLAND, ROMANIA, SENEGAL, SRI LANKA, SUDAN, SYRIA, UGANDA, UKRAINE, TANZANIA, USSR, YUGOSLAVIA.

B. NOT AT LOW CONFERENCE: PROBABLE YES VOTES - 8

AFGHANISTAN, EQUATORIAL GUINEA, GUINEA, GUYANA, MALTA, SIERRA LEONE, SOMALIA, NORTH VIETNAM.

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5. AGAINST PRG: 49

A. VOTED NO AT LOW CONFERENCE - 36

AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, BOLIVIA, BRAZIL, CANADA, CHILE, COLOMBIA, COSTA RICA, CYPRUS, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, FRG, GREECE, GUATEMALA, HAITI, HONDURAS, ISRAEL, JAPAN, KHMER REPUBLIC, SOUTH KOREA, LUXEMBOURG, MALAYSIA, MEXICO, MONACO, NEW ZEALAND, NICARAGUA, PARAGUAY, PHILIPPINES,

SAN MARINO, SPAIN, THAILAND, UK, US, URUGUAY, VENEZUELA,
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

B. NOT AT LOW CONFERENCE: INDICATE PROBABLE NO VOTES -8
BOTSWANA; FIJI, LESOTHO, MALAWI, NAURU, SINGAPORE,
W. SAMOA, TONGO.

C. ABSTAINED AT LOW CONFERENCE: HAVE NO VOTE - 5
ARGENTINA, CAR, ITALY, MOROCCO, SAUDI ARABIA.

6. ABSTENTIONS - 54

A. ABSTAINED AT LOW CONFERENCE - 28
AUSTRIA, BAHAMAS, CHAD, DENMARK, EL SALVADOR, FINLAND,
FRANCE, GHANA, HOLY SEE, IRAN, IRELAND, IVORY COAST,
KENYA, LEBANON, LIECHTENSTEIN, NETHERLANDS, NIGERIA,
NORWAY, PAKISTAN, PANAMA, SOUTH AFRICA, SWEDEN,
SWITZERLAND, TOGO, TRINIDAD/TOBAGO, TURKEY, UPPER VOLTA,

ZAIRE.

B. NOT AT LOW CONFERENCE: PROBABLE ABSTAIN - 23
BAHREIN, BARBADOS, BHUTAN, BURMA, DAHOMEY, ETHIOPIA,
GABON, GAMBIA, ICELAND, JAMAICA, KUWAIT, LAOS, MALDIVES,
MAURITIUS, NEPAL, NIGER, OMAN, QATAR, RWANDA, SWAZILAND,
TUNISIA, UAE, YAR.

C. VOTED NO AT LOW CONFERENCE: MAY ABSTAIN
LIBERIA, PORTUGAL

D. VOTED YES AT LOW CONFERENCE: MAY ABSTAIN
INDONESIA

7. ABSENT - JORDAN KISSINGER
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